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PAUL GORDON LAUREN NAMED FIRST DIRECTOR
OF UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA MANSFIELD CENTER

MISSOULA--

University of Montana history professor Paul Gordon Lauren has been named the first director of the Maureen and Mike Mansfield Center at the University of Montana. The widely known specialist in international relations will also teach ethics in public affairs at the center.

UM academic VP Donald Habbe said the appointment will be effective July 1, subject to approval of the Montana Board of Regents.

Habbe said Lauren was highly recommended by the search committee and that the UM administration thought he had "extraordinary credentials for the job."

James Lopach, who has served as acting director of the center during its start-up year, coordinated the nationwide search for a director. He will return to the chairmanship of the political science department on Sept. 15.

"I'm very pleased and very honored to be associated with the center that honors Maureen and Mike Mansfield, and I am very much aware of the responsibilities of the job," Lauren said.

"Mansfield has demonstrated throughout his remarkable career that ethics can and should be applied to public policy, and that ethical considerations can be proudly raised rather than surreptitiously brought into policy considerations."

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Lauren named Mansfield Center director--add one

Lauren is the author of books and articles on international affairs and diplomacy. He is a consultant to governmental policy makers in the United States and abroad on problems of peace and security and related issues.

He holds M.A. and Ph.D. degrees in history and political science from Stanford University, where he also taught. He was a Woodrow Wilson Fellow, and in 1980, received a Rockefeller Foundation Humanities Fellowship to support international research on human rights, ethics and diplomacy.

He came to UM in 1974 and taught the first Mansfield Course in International Relations at the university in 1982.

The center was established to honor UM alumnus and former history professor Mike Mansfield's public service. Planning began in 1978, two years after Mansfield, now U.S. ambassador to Japan, retired from the U.S. Senate. The regents approved the plans in June 1983.

Lauren participated in the planning as a member of the board of the Mansfield Foundation. The foundation raises funds for both the Mansfield Center at UM and the Mansfield Center for Pacific Affairs, which will be headquartered at Flathead Lake. The centers are independent of each other but cooperate closely.

In keeping with Mansfield's commitment to high ethical standards and his contributions to the nation's Far East policy, the UM center's principal programs will deal with Asian studies and ethics in public affairs. Its activities will include graduate education, research and conferences.